(c) According to present policy water resources development projects are planned, formulated and implemented by the State Governments themselves as per *inter-se* priority fixed by them.

Working conditions in the *Gulf* Countries

745. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Congenial working condition for Indian workers in "the Gulf countries exists now; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTIY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The working conditions of Indian workers in Gulf countries are by and large satisfactory. Most of the workers are protected under the labour laws of the respective country.

Transfer of Press Pool Accommodation to General Pool

746. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to UnStarred Question 1756 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd August, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the allottee of house No. D-822, DIZ area, Mandir Marg, New Delhi has not been allowed to occupy the house and the Unauthorised Seal of Dr. R. M. L. Hospital not been removed till date;

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take against the Estate Officer of Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, New Delhi who has been keeping the said quarter Sealed;

(c) whether Government propose to charge the Licence fee from the said Estate Officer of Dr. R.M.L. Hospital for the period of unauthorised occupation of the said quarter; and

(d.) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. According to the report received from Dr. R.M.L. Hospital the seal put by the hospital in Qr. No. D-822, Mandir Marg has been removed and the Quarter has been allowed to be occupied by the allottee of the Govt. of India Press.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Since Qr. No. D-822 Mandir Marg was belonging to Press Pool and inadvertently placed by the Directorate of Estates at the disposal of Dr. R.M.L. Hospital Pool, the Estate Officer of the Hospital was justified in withholding release of the Quarter till alternative Quarter was allotted to the Hospital Pool, Under the rules, he is not liable to pay Licence fee to the Directorate of Estates.

Problem of Urban Commuters in Bombay

747. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government of Maharashtra has submitted various proposals to Central Government to provide relief to the Urban Commuters and to ease congestion, in Bombay inclusive of New Bombay; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Maharashtra has submitted proposals for improvement in urban transport consisting of Suburban Rail Projects of Rs. 708 crores and Road Transport Projects of Rs. 889 crores, The list of pro-

jects is given in the Statement attached. (See below)

Statement

I. List of Suburban Rail Projects proposed by Govt, of Maharashtra.

(i) Optimisation on the Western Railway to reduce headway from 4 minutes to 3 minutes.

(ii) Optimisation on the Central Railway to reduce headway from 4 minutes to 3 minutes.

(iii) Elimination of the remaining level crossings on the Western Railways.

(iv) Eliminations of the level crossings on the Central Railway.

(v) Borivili-Virar quadrapling of tracks (27 Kms)

(vi) Provision of additional tracks between: Andheri and Goregaon (5 Kms)

(vii) Provision of a part of the Sixth Corridor between Carnac Bunder (Bailand Estate) and Ravli Jn. (10 Kms)

(viii) Station area traffic improvement schemes at suburban stations to augment commuter dispersal facilities.

IL List of Road Transport Projects proposed by the Government of Maharashtra.

(i) Construction of flyovers (7 Nos.)

(ii) Replacement of level crossings by ROB/RUBS (3 Nos.)

(iii) Pedestrian subway (10 Nos.)

(iv) Road improvements extensions and upgrading (13—Nos.)

(v) New Roads (5 Nos.)

(vi) Extension of signalisation system and traffic management.

(vii) Bus transport-

(a) New buses

BEST	1604 buses
MSRTC	949 buses
TMC	235 buses
CIDCO	385 buses
TOTAL	3173 buses

(b) Bus depots and bus stations (Including Interstate Bus Terminal)

Late running of Kolhapur Mahalaxmi Express

748. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a complaint from MLAs of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly regarding late running of Kolhapur Mahalaxmi Express and necessity to bring the train to VT Station on arrival as well as for departure and threatened "RAIL ROKO" agitation from 1st September, 1991;

(b) whether Government propose to arrange the departure of Kolhapur Mahalaxmi Express from VT Station; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to streamline the punctual running of trains originating from Bangalore to connect to braod-gauge section between Miraj and Bangalore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A drive has been launched to improve punctuality of the treble.